

Great News  
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GIVING AN

ACCOUNT

OF THE

New and Extraordinary

Preparations for War.

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**T**HE Union of the greatest part of the Princes and States of Europe, in order to oppose the exorbitant Encroachments and Invasions of the *French*, having given just matter for Apprehension and Alarm to that Court, The *Most Christian King* did, on the 29th of November last, make a Regulation, according to which the Governours of the Provinces, and the Intendants, were immediately, in all the Generalities of the Kingdom, to set about raising Regiments of the Militia and Infantry, that were to be always in a readiness to March to such places where they should be thought necessary for the Security of the Frontiers and Coasts: And this Levy was to be of Twenty Five Thousand and Fifty Men, without comprehending the Officers in the Number. But the Estate and Posture of the Confederates growing daily more and more Formidable, his *Most Christian Majesty* has judged it highly necessary, to back the aforementioned Regulation with the following Decree, Signed

As

*An Ordinance by the King, of the Fifteenth of December, 1688, Directing that the Parishes of the Provinces and Generalities, where the Levy of the Militia has been Ordered, which pay Four Thousand Livres in Taxes, shall each furnish two Men, and so suitably with others, they still doubling the number of Men as the said Tax shall double, the Rate of Two Thousand Livres, notwithstanding what is Directed by the Regulation of the Nine and Twentieth of November last.*

*By the King,*

**U**PON Representation made to his Majesty, That in the Provinces and Generalities of his Realm, wherein, according to his Regulation of the Nine and Twentieth of November last, he has Ordered Levies of the Militia, there are Parishes extraordinary Populous, which, according to the said Regulation, are obliged to furnish no more than each a Man; And as it is but Justice that they should be higher Rated than Parishes that are less Populous, which are also bound to furnish each a Man, His Majesty has Ordered and Commands, Wills and Requires, That notwithstanding what is Directed by his said Regulation, every Parish of the Generalities, where the said Levies of the Militia have been appointed, which is Assessed for its part of the Tax, to above Four Thousand Livres, be obliged to furnish two Men of the Militia; that which raises Six Thousand Livres, shall furnish three Men; and thus still augmenting the Men accordingly from Two Thousand Livres, to Two Thousand Livres; insomuch, that a Parish which is Assessed Twenty Thousand Livres be bound to furnish ten Men of the Militia: His Majesty Ordering And Requiring his Governors and Lieutenant-Generals in his Provinces, Intendants and Commissaries appointed in the said Provinces and Generalities of his Realm, to see to and be assisting, each within his Jurisdiction, to the punctual Execution of the present Ordinance, which his Majesty will have published in the said Provinces and Generalities, and throughout, as shall be requisite, that so none may pretend cause of Ignorance.

*Given at Versailles, the Fifteenth Day of the Month of December, 1688.*

*Signed Lewis, and lower*

*Le Tellier*

*Note, As these new Levies are designed to assist that King's other Forces, in the Defence of the Coasts, it's plain, there is in no small fear of a Storm from Sea.*

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